

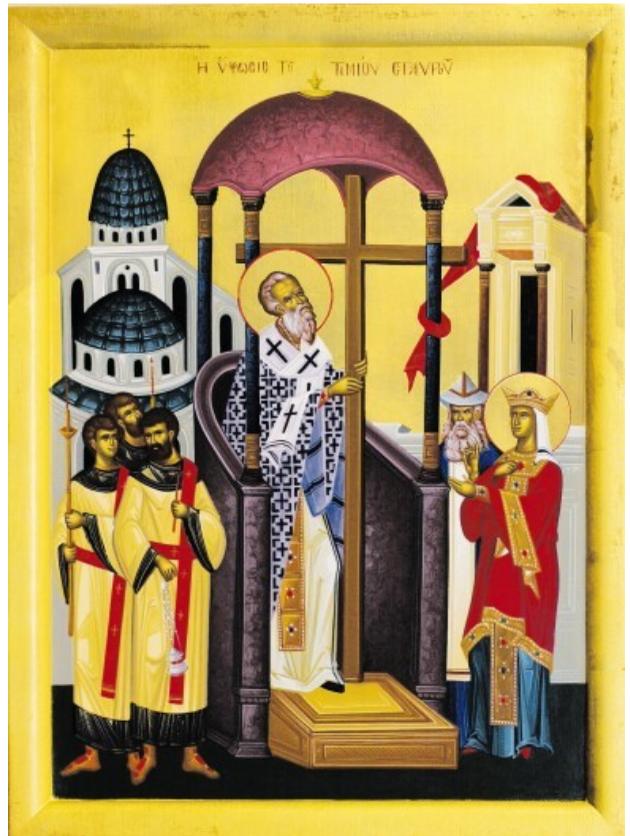
Sunday, September 17, 2017
Sunday after Holy Cross

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



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Holy Cross welcomes **His Eminence Metropolitan SAVAS** of Pittsburgh today.
Coffee Hour is sponsored today in loving memory of †Rick Sofis by Nancy Sofis and family.

Trisaigion †Rick Sofis 10 years

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 9:30am Moussaka prep
6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study

Tuesday 9:30am Pastitsio

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9:30am Golden Club meet for winery outing
4:30pm Greek School

Thursday

Friday National Family Ministry Seminar in Canonsburg through Sunday
(Info in September Crossroads)

Saturday Philoptochos Luncheon @St. Clair Country Club
5pm Vespers

**Walk for
Missions**
Sunday, October 8.
Details in
Crossroads.

TODAY: GOYA KICK-OFF September 17, 2017 4:12pm at the
KARTSONAS HOME: 306 SNOWBERRY CIRCLE, VENETIA, PA 15367

Let's start another great year! *Entire family invited for FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP*

7TH AND 8TH GRADE: 3 - 2 LITER DRINKS (SODA LEMON AID, ICE TEA)

9TH AND 10TH GRADE: SIDE Dishes ~ 11TH AND 12 GRADE: DESSERTS

(So we don't have too many desserts, please keep to the list above.)

STRONGLY SUGGESTED Parents SHOULD STAY. BRING A FRIEND.

Back to School Drive for FOCUS families continues on Sundays, September 17th and 24th and October 1st. Please place donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, combs, brushes and children's socks in the boxes provided in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity in helping the many children in need. ~Dianne Babb

Thank you to ALL who donated fasting side, desserts and fresh fruit to make our Philoptochos Feast Day Luncheon a well-attended success. Thank you to the many volunteers at the Feast Day Luncheon who set-up, served and cleaned-up. It was a lovely Feast Day Luncheon!

Philoptochos News:

- ♥ Saturday, September 23, **Luncheon @St. Clair Country Club honoring outgoing President Elaine Sofis.** Contact Mary Zotis 412 835-2381 by Sept. 18 for reservations.
- ♥ **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - ♥ **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR Set-up** Sunday, October 1 following Coffee Hour, and Monday, October 2 & Tuesday, October 3 at 9:30am
 - ♥ **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR, OCTOBER, 4,5,6** 11:30am – 8pm
 - ♥ **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR** Clean up , Saturday, October 7, 10am
 - ♥ Tuesday, October 10, 6:15 **Meeting**, 7:15 **Membership Social**

Philoptochos AUTUMN FOOD FAIR News:

- ♥ *Thank you to All who prepared chicken rolls on Tuesday for the Autumn Food Fair!* PLEASE join us TODAY after coffee hour as we begin preparations for moussaka. Gentlemen, PLEASE join in the fun! Tomorrow, Monday, September 18 at 9:30am Moussaka preparations continue. On Tuesday & Wednesday, September 19 & 20, Pastitsio will be prepared at 9:30am. Meatballs will be prepared NEXT Monday, September 25 at 9:30am. Spanakopita will be prepared NEXT Tuesday, September 26 at 10:30am and Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30am.
- ♥ Late arrivals are always welcome!
- ♥ *Baked goods needed for Autumn Food Fair. Please call Dianne Babb at 724 514-7333 to tell her what you will bring. Your cookie, cake and pastry donations are much appreciated and needed to make our fair a success!*
- ♥ Philoptochos wants your “*Treasures*” NOW to be sold at the Autumn Food Fair! Please donate unbroken, CLEAN items that you are proud to display and can be purchased immediately. Please donate toys, books, collectibles, linens, household goods and jewelry. NO clothing, please! Contact Pam Lagios, 412 276-4614 or JoAnna Asvestas, 412 343-7710 with questions.
- ♥ *Volunteers especially needed @dinner food lines. Please contact Marica Mitsos, Wed Oct 4 dinner, 724 745-2299, Cynthia Kostelnik, Thurs Oct 5 dinner, 412 833-9423 or Elaine Sofis, Fri Oct 6 dinner, 412 344-7046.*
- ♥ SIGN UP SHEETS FOR THE FOOD LINES WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY AT COFFEE HOUR.
- ♥ *PLEASE support Philoptochos in our main fundraiser of the year! ALL ages and genders welcome to volunteer! Come watch the senior Greek dancers on Thursday, Oct5 and Friday, Oct 6 at 6:30pm.*
~Elaine Sofis and Marica Mitsos, Autumn Food Fair Co-Chairs

WELCOME – AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION...

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said “We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings.” (Russian Primary Chronicle) That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are ‘excluded’ – rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service’s conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the clergy following services. Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.

GOLF OUTING IS SOON!

Register NOW online or brochures in narthex.!!!

Register Today for the:
4th Annual
Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing
www.holycrosspgh.org

Follow the link at the bottom of the page labeled:
4th Annual Golf Outing

Monday October 2nd, 2017
South Hills Country Club
Lunch 11Am Shotgun Start 12:30PM
Dinner and Auction 6PM



Individual Green Fee: \$165
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Foursome Green fees: \$660
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Dinner Only Guest \$60

Support the Outing by Becoming an Underwriter

Dinner Underwriter	\$2,500
Golf Cart Underwriter	\$1,500
Co-Dinner Underwriter	\$1,250
Lunch Underwriter	\$1,000
Golf Gift Bag Underwriter	\$800
Ice Cream Sundae Underwriter	\$750
Printing Underwriter	\$500
Driving Range Underwriter	\$500
Putting Green Underwriter	\$500
Skill Prize Underwriter	\$500
Website Underwriter	\$300
Beverage Underwriter	\$300



FROM MYSTICISM TO JUBILATION A VOYAGE THROUGH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SACRED CHANT

Sunday, September 24, 2017

4 PM

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church
311 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

A spiritual meander through an enchanting early fall field of Orthodox Christian musical and hymnologic treasures that span 1500 years. From the musical prayers of the early Christian communities, through the impressive evolution of Byzantine chant and its influence on the ecclesiastic musical worship of the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Ukraine and Russia, to very recent translated hymnology in modern English.

The region's two key Orthodox ecclesiastic choirs, the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh, and the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, have joined together to express and present these traditions faithfully to their origins in this unique and inspiring musical journey.

*** Admission free; free-will offerings most gratefully accepted. All donations will support local ministries.

For more information: aszmi@pitt.edu

GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM COMMITTEE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



Book Presentation and Signing

"A Hidden Child in Greece"

Dr. Yolanda Avram-Willis

TODAY

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4 PM

Crystal Room, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 South Dithridge, Pittsburgh, PA

Light refreshments and mini-exhibit will precede and follow the book presentation

The event is open to the public. Books will be available for purchase, on site. Please have the exact amount of \$23 in cheque or cash. After defrayment of publisher's charge and Pennsylvania taxes, remaining proceeds will be donated to the sponsors and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

For more information, or to RSVP a book copy: info@pahellenicfoundation.org.

THE CHURCH ~ A HOLY PLACE

When you enter the church building as the "House of Worship," you are entering into the Great Throne Room of the "King of Kings" as His subjects and His soldiers. The "King of Kings," Jesus Christ, is enthroned on the Holy Altar and all the angels, prophets, saints and the Most Holy Mother of God are present. His soldiers should be attentive and standing at attention. No one in the presence of the "king of Kings" would sit with his legs crossed, or his hands in his pockets, or chewing gum, or looking at his watch because to do any of these things would be disrespectful. The only proper disposition a soldier can have before his commander is that of reverence which is indicated by a bowed head, a submissive heart and prayer.